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Quick Facts

- The student-produced, directed and acted festival will spotlight four plays, including one written by a Winthrop theatre major.
- Spring One-Act Festival will run April 9-11 in Johnson Studio Theatre.

ROCK HILL, S.C. - A beloved campus tradition more than 50 years in the making, the **Department of Theatre and Dance** will bring the **Spring One-Act Festival** to **Johnson Studio Theatre** in April.

The culmination of student work in the **Department of Theatre and Dance** class THRA 431: Directing II, the **Spring One-Act Festival** will include performances on April 9 at 8 p.m., April 10 at 2 p.m. and 8 p.m. and April 11 at 2 p.m. This semester's production will feature "**Stars**," a play directed by theatre major Erin Lee of Rock Hill, S.C.

The **Department of Theatre and Dance** began doing one-act plays in spring 1955, according to Russell Luke, instructor of theatre and faculty advisor for the **Spring One-Act Festival**. Since then, the department has done more than 600 one-act plays, estimated Luke, and added a fall one-act festival. Both festivals have become eagerly anticipated and well-attended traditions on campus that involve theatre majors and non-theatre majors alike.

"Students enjoy seeing work that is completely student driven, since the directing, design, acting, stage management and backstage work is all done by students," said Luke, adding that student participants "come away learning much as well as having a good time."

Included in the three-day lineup will be the following plays:

"Family Voices" by Harold Pinter

Director: Erin Lee (Lexington, S.C.)

Stage manager: Bailey Robinson (Concord, N.C.)

Cast: Kyle Amick (Lexington, S.C.); Kelley McSwain (Blythewood, S.C.); Tyler Wells (Greenville, S.C.); Morgan Alber (Charleston, S.C.); Ralf "Trey" Campbell (Hartsville, S.C.)

"The Shock of Recognition" by Robert Anderson

Director: Caitlyn Baldwin (Charleston, S.C.)

Stage manager: Nathan Rouse (Clover, S.C.)

Cast: Norman Burt (Greenville, S.C.); Hayden Henderson (Greenville); Cassie Prodan (Columbia, S.C.); Wesley Henry (Spartanburg, S.C.)

"Y'all" by Elizabeth Scales Rheinfrank

Director: Katherine Hon (Rock Hill)

Stage manager: Melissa Frierson (Columbia, S.C.)

Cast: Bailey Robinson (Kannapolis, N.C.); David Hutto (Orangeburg, S.C.); Michelle Rodriguez (Rock Hill); Jaimie Bellah (Charleston, S.C.); Allison Zobel (Summerville, S.C.)

"Stars" by Erin Lee (student playwright)

Director: Katie Manley (Seneca, S.C.)

Stage manager: Kayla Piscatelli (Groveland, Mass.)

Cast: Jay Kistler (Rock Hill) and Kaitlin Lieck (Tega Cay, S.C.)

In addition to the all-student cast, Joceline Lehner of Greer, S.C., will serve as lighting designer.

Seating for the **Spring One-Act Festival** is limited, and no late seating will be permitted after performances begin. Shows contain adult content. Tickets are \$8 with Winthrop I.D. and \$15 for the

general public.

To purchase tickets, call the box office at 803/323-4014 or e-mail boxoffice@winthrop.edu.

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